

English Language Arts

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Course Description

There are two basic aims of senior high school English language arts. One aim is to encourage, in students, an understanding and appreciation of the significance and artistry of literature. A second aim is to enable each student to understand and appreciate language and to use it confidently and competently for a variety of purposes, with a variety of audiences and in a variety of situations for communication, personal satisfaction and learning. Students will engage in a number of activities that involve reading, writing, listening, speaking and viewing to meet the knowledge and skill objectives set out in the Alberta Program of Studies.

Resources

A large number of resources are available for students. All course requirements are available to students on the wiki. Each unit has a number of resources attached to it. Students will also receive instruction in grade specific lectures and group activities.

Course Layout

Students will have access to all materials and assignments at the beginning

of the course. All units must be completed by the end of the course to receive credits for this course. Students must complete a portfolio, participate in book club and complete three trimester projects. Students must write a final exam at the end of each unit in order to move on to the next unit.

Any assignment that is turned in with evidence that the work submitted does not belong to the person whom submitted the assignment will result in an automatic zero. Further action may be taken depending on the severity of the situation.

Evaluation

Evaluation will be based upon a combination of formative projects, summative projects and traditional exams. The classes will be structured in a way that facilitates project based learning but students will submit formative assignments throughout. Students are expected to attend seminars and participate in all scheduled activities.

Marks will be based on the following:

- 1. **Book Club (20%):** Each book club will meet at least once a week; each student must be a member of a book club.*
- 2. **Portfolio (20%):** Portfolio requirements can be found on the wiki*
- 3. **Class Activities (20%):** marks will be based on participation*
- 4. **Trimester Projects (30%):** Each project will be marked based on the approved project proposal and rubric.*
- 5. **Exams (10%):** Exams will be given at the end of major units*

Plagiarism and Cheating

All assignments that are handed in with evidence of work that belongs to someone else that is not cited will be returned with a mark of zero. Serious action may be taken depending on the circumstances. It is important that credit is given for all borrowed work.